duration of the recession in industrial countries. The Reserve Bank of India has examined forecast of the select macroeconomic indicators by Professional Forecasters and on this basis has indicated in October 2008 that the Real GDP growth rate for 2008-09 is expected to be 7.7 per cent. The overall growth rate could be lower than that but is unlikely to go below 7 per cent.

(c) and (d) As per Central Statistical Organisation estimates, the growth rate of agriculture and allied sectors and industry sector was 2.9 per cent and 6.5 per cent respectively in the first half (April-September) of the financial year 2008-09 over the corresponding period of the previous year. Forecasts made by different agencies indicate that the growth rate of agriculture and allied sector, of which foodgrains is a component, and industrial sector of which the manufacturing sector is a component, is likely to remain lower than the average growth rate for the economy. The Median Forecast of the select Macroeconomic indicators by Professional Forecasters indicates that that the growth rate for agriculture and allied sectors for 2008-09 is expected to be 3.0 per cent, while that of industry sector is expected to be 7.0 per cent.

(e) and (f) The services sector comprising, trade, hotels, transport and communications, financing, insurance, real estate, business services, community, social and personal services, etc. accounts for more than half of the aggregate GDP. Hence, the growth rate of the economy does depend on the growth rate of services sector. Some of the sub-sectors within the services sector are non-tradable in nature and others are tradable. The growth of the latter does depend on the international economic situation.

Bio-medical norms

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of prosecutions in case of violation of bio-medical norms by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in the country;

(b) whether his Ministry maintains the data of total number of violations and prosecutions in the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is aware that bio-medical waste in most of the clinics and hospitals is not being disposed of as per the norms; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Under Rule 7 of the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in the Union Territories are the prescribed authorities for enforcement of the provisions, of these Rules. The Central Government have delegated the necessary powers vested in it under the Environment

(Protection) Act, 1986, to the Chairmen of all the SPCBs and PCCs in UTs including the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), for taking legal action for violation of the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998.

(b) and (c) Under Rule 10 of these Rules, every occupier/operator is required to submit an annual report to the concerned prescribed authority by 31st of January every year, to include information about the categories and quantities of bio-medical wastes handled during the preceding year. The prescribed authority is required to send this information in a compiled form to the Central Pollution Control Board by 31 March every year. The State-wise details in respect of the violations reported, show cause notices issued and prosecutions filed against the defaulting units during the year 2007-08 are given in the Statement. (*See* bleow)

(d) and (e) Under the Bio-Medical Waste Rules, the bio-medical waste has been categorized into ten categories. Different methods of treatment have been prescribed for each category of waste. For proper implementation of the Rules, awareness of the staff alongwith the trained manpower in the respective HCEs is needed. While several large hospitals have set up their own facilities for treatment of bio-medical waste, to enable small clinics, nursing homes and dispensaries in adherence of the Rules, they are provided with the option for treatment of their waste in common treatment facilities on payment of treatment charges. During the past few years, awareness about the Rules has increased and as a result of the efforts made by the various agencies, the quantum of the bio-medical waste being treated has also increased. From time to time, the Central Government and the CPCB have also addressed all the SPCBs and PCCs in UTs for taking action against the defaulting units. The possibility of some of the health care facilities not disposing their bio-medical waste strictly as per the norms, however, cannot be ruled out.

Statement

State-wise number of Health Care Facilities (HCFs) which have violated the Bio-Medical Waste (M and H) Rules, 1998, the number of Show Cause Notices issued to defaulter HCFs and prosecutions filed against the defaulting units (as submitted by SPCBs/PCCs) during the year 2007-2008

State/UT	Detailed Information		
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Andhra Pradesh	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**2007-08**
	1.	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules	536
	2.	No. of Show-cause notices/direction issued to HCFs	536
	3.	No. of HCFs complied against (2) above	536
	4.	No. of HCFs prosecuted	Nil

1	2
Assam	54 HCFs have been reported as violators of the BMW Rules as on March 2008. Court case is going on against 04 HCEs.
Bihar	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules: 1327 Show-cause notices issued: 06 No. of court cases pending: 06.
Chhattisgarh	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules: 57 No. of show-cause notices issued to defaulters: 89 No. of court cases: 11
Delhi	527 HCFs violated during January, 07—December, 07 and 527 show-cause notices were issued during the same period. No prosecution has been reported.
Gujarat	**Sl. No.** / **Details** / **2007-08** 1. No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules — 552 2. No. of Show-cause notices/directions issued to HCFs — 552 3. No. of HCFs complied against (2) above — 552 4. No. of court cases — Nil
Himachal Pradesh	**Sl. No.** / **Details** / **2007-08** 1. No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules — 44 2. No. of Show-cause notices/direction issued to HCFs — — 3. No. of HCFs complied against (2) above — — 4. No. of court cases — 01 hospital has been prosecuted.
Jharkhand	Total 341 HCFs have violated the BMW Rules and show cause has been issued to all violating units.
Karnataka	No. of HVFs violated BMW Rules: 1293 No. of Show-cause notices issued to Defaulters: 985 Matter against 01 hospital is in the court regarding disposal of bio-medical waste. Matter of 15 HCFs is the Court regarding collection of authorization fee.
Kerala	The Board has not launched prosecution against any unit for violation. Closure orders were issued to 05 HCFs for violation of BMW Rules.

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Madhya Pradesh	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**2007-08**
	1.	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules	258
	2.	No. of Show-cause notices/ direction issued to HCFs	209
	3.	No. of HCFs complied against (2) above	—
	4.	No. of court cases	A total of 17 various hospitals HCFs have been prosecuted
Maharashtra	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**April 2008 onward**
	1.	No. of Show-cause notices/ direction issued to HCFs	209 (during 2007-08)
	3.	Closure direction	19 — (17 HCEs and 2 CBWTFs)
	4.	Prosecution	25 (23 HCEs and 2 CBWTFs)
	5.	Remark	(a) 16 HCEs out of 17, have complied and board has issued restart direction after ensuring compliance. One is closed. (b) 22 HCEs out of 23 prosecuted, have complied. One is closed. All court cases are *subjudice* in the court. (c) 2 CBWTFs are closed.
Orissa	No of HCFs violated the BMW Rules:		173
	No. of HCFs prosecuted:		09
	Closure Direction issued:		06
Puducherry	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**2007-08**
	1.	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules	10
	2.	No. of Show-cause notices issued to HCFs	10
	3.	No. of HCFs complied against (2) above	10
	4.	No. of HCFs prosecuted	Nil

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Punjab	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**2007-08**
	1.	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules	93
	2.	No. of Show-cause notices/direction issued to HCFs	188
	3.	No. of HCFs prosecuted	Nil
Rajasthan	Court cases against 26 HCEs have been filed and also against two ragpickers.		
Tamil Nadu	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**2007-08**
	1.	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules	149
	2.	No. of Show-cause notices issued to HCFs	58
	3.	No. of HCFs complied against (2) above	45
	4.	No. of HCFs prosecuted/closure directions	Nil
Uttaranchal	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**2007-08**
	1.	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules	135
	2.	No. of show-cause notices/direction issued to HCFs	96
	3.	No. of HCFs complied against (2) above	73
	4.	No. of HCFs prosecuted	Nil
Uttar Pradesh	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**2007-08**
	1.	Total No. of HCFs	3736
	2.	No. of HCFs violated BMW Rules	1540
	3.	No. of HCFs prosecuted	4 HCEs have been prosecuted till date
	4.	No. of Show-cause notices/direction issued to HCFs	45 Show-cause notices have been issued till date
West Bengal	**Sl. No.**	**Details**	**2007-08**
	1.	No. of Show-cause notices/direction issued to HCFs	4,041 Notice for issued to 02 Pvt. HCFs in which 08 closure was Government and 07 2008. Out of complied.